

## **News Release**

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## Homeowners Assistance Program at Cannon AFB Extended

The Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) for Cannon AFB has been extended until Dec. 31, 2000, officials of the Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today.

The HAP was initially approved for Cannon AFB on Nov. 4, 1996 as a result of the adverse impact on the local real estate market caused by the base realignment, which was announced the first time on March 12, 1995. A second base realignment date of May 2, 1997 was also approved.

HAP is a special relief program that provides financial assistance to eligible civilian and military homeowners. The program is available for persons who are unable to dispose of their dwellings under reasonable terms and conditions when the real estate market is adversely affected by closure or partial closure of a military installation or a reduction in scope of operations.

All military, permanent federal civilian and non-appropriated fund employee homeowners stationed or employed at or near Cannon AFB may be eligible for assistance if they owned a home in Curry or Roosevelt counties prior to the announcement dates and have recently departed from the area, or plan to leave prior to Dec. 31, 2000.

HAP offers three types of benefits: reimbursement for losses sustained in selling a home on the open market; government acquisition of the home if reasonable efforts to sell are unsuccessful; and reimbursement for foreclosure expenses.

Applications for HAP or additional information concerning the program may be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 1-888-231-7751.